

GOULDS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Mr. Canty, Chairperson.

Roll Call: **Lewis Canty, Chairperson** - present
 Elijah Dukes, Vice Chairperson – present
 Enid W. Demps, Secretary – present
 Gladys Briscoe – present
 Marilyn Rolfs – present
 DeAnne James – absent
 James Josey – present
 Eric Coffie – absent
 Loretha Mathews – absent
 Fred Ramirez (new appointee) – here
 Gene Hitchen (new appointee) – here

Audience members: 10

There will be a presentation from four departments tonight, Fire Department, Library Systems, Solid Waste and Planning and Zoning.

New appointees were introduced- Gene Hitchen and Fred Ramirez both from the Islandia development.

Mr. Canty asked for a motion to approve the agenda for evening. Enid Demps moved that we approve the agenda, Gladys Briscoe seconded the motion and all approved the agenda.

Mr. Canty asked Mrs. Gladys Briscoe to give the invocation.

Mr. Canty asked for the reading of the minutes from the July 12, 2005 minutes. The minutes were read by Marilyn Rolfs, acting secretary. Mrs. Gladys Briscoe moved that the minutes be approved as read and typed. Enid Demps seconded and all were in favor of the motion. The minutes from the July 9, 2005, were approved by the board.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department presentation from **Robert Palestrant, North District**, but we should call **Robert Palestrant, Division Chief, Operations South District**.

The area has 4 fire stations:

Station 34-Cutler Ridge- located at 10850 SW 211 Street

This station is equipped with a 50' Squirt BLS Engine, a 100' Tended Platform and a Rescue vehicle and staffed permanently by 7 Fire Fighters...

Station 5-Goulds –13150 SW 238 Street –

This station is equipped with a BLS Engine and a Rescue vehicle and is staffed permanently by 7 Fire Fighters.

Station 52 – South Miami Heights – located at 12105 Quail Roost Drive.

This station is equipped with a Rescue vehicle and an ALS Tanker and is staffed permanently by 7 Fire Fighters.

Station 55 – Saga Bay – located at 2501 SW 87 Avenue.

This station is equipped with an ALS Engine and a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat and staffed permanently by 4 Fire Fighters.

Proposed station inside the territory of the Goulds Mac will be located in the vicinity of SW 248 Street and 117 Avenue. The Palm Glades Station is to be inaugurated in the year 2008.

During the last five years, the number of alarms has increased by 5% on an annual basis. Lots of new growth because of the new development in the area.

Response Time for Life Threatening Situations:

2000- 5 minutes 44 seconds	2003 - 6 minutes 8 seconds
2001- 5 minutes 55 seconds	2004 - 6 minutes 27 seconds
2002 - 5 minutes 48 seconds	

Total Calls:

2000 - 2133	2003 - 2425
2001 - 2140	2004 - 2560
2002 - 2263	

He explained how the county uses Ghost Fire Stations to determine if a station is needed in an area and the best location for a new fire station.

After the presentation the chairperson opened it up for questions from the board and then the audience.

Mr. Gene Hitchen asked if fire trucks coming from Saga Bay to the Gould area could influence calls to the Goulds area. No, was the answer except for a little more to time to get to the Goulds area.

The Fire Department would like to cut down their response time to 3 minutes or less.

What would the cost of the fire services be for the Goulds are if incorporated? The same as the cost is now.

Carol Klingbeil, Aide to Commissioner Katy Sorenson's office - "What was the response time for structural fires?" **For 2004, 5 minutes 50 seconds.**

Ray Murray - 22130 SW 113 Ct. "Does the county fire department have state of the art equipment?"

The county has Dr. John Rosenberg, Director of Medical Equipment and he makes sure that the county has the best equipment.

ALS - Advance Life Support System

BLS - Basic Life Support System

Mr. Cauty thanked Mr. Robert Palestrant for his presentation.

Department of Solid Waste Management, presentation from **Mr. Cornelius E. Allen**, Special Projects Administrator 1. Mr. Allen handed out a brochure that explained the waste collection services provided by the county.

The Department of Solid Waste Management is of one of the largest departments, in the county, with almost 1000 employees. These employees work at either the landfill, transfer stations or as hauler.

The fee for this service is \$399 yearly and this is the same fee that is charged to everyone in the county.

You can reach Mr. Allen at 305-514-6649. Mr. Allen encourages everyone to call Solid Waste if they have any problems with their service. Trash pick-up is twice a week, recycle pick-up is once a weekly, unlimited use of the trash stations and 2 bulk pick-ups yearly.

Incorporation will have no effect of the cost of Solid Waste services.

Enid Demps asked, "Why her pickup has changed from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.?" **Mr. Allen was not sure.**

Gladys Briscoe asked if we would receive a printout, like the printout that was given to the board members during Solid Waste's last presentation. **Mr. Allen said that he would email Odell Ford an updated printout from the last meeting.**

Mr. Murray asked, "Has bulk trash pickup changed?" **Yes, now 2 pickups yearly.**

Mr. Allen explained that Mt. Trashmore is outside the Goulds boundaries. Mt. Trashmore will not get any smaller.

With no more questions for Mr. Allen, Mr. Canty thanked him for his presentation and coming to the meeting.

Miami-Dade Public Library System presentation by Elyse Levy Kennedy, Branch Administrator.

The library service is a good buy for your money. The library system services from newborns to Senior Citizens. The library offers lots of services, example, download books to tape to listen to in your car, computer classes, wireless connection, etc. The library will be open on Sunday during the school year. The South Dade Regional Library's manager is Zelda Ryles and she has a staff of 25.

After Ms Kennedy's presentation Mr. Canty asked if there were any questions, first from the board and then the audience.

Mrs. Demps asked, "How does the county determine when a new library is needed?"

Demographics and population of a distance of 5 miles or less are the determining fact if a library is needed in an area.

New library in Naranja is 15,000 sq. ft.

All libraries do not have the same operating hours, so please call first. Coral Reef library open 6 days a week, South Dade 7 days a week and smaller libraries 5 day a week.

Mr. Gene Hitchen, "What impact will the Library system have on the incorporation?" **Won't effect the incorporation. Everything is now available.**

Gladys Briscoe stated that the South Dade Regional Library was very nice to display the information about the 100 years of Goulds.

Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning presentation by Thomas B. Spehar, Section Supervisor.

Mr. Spehars handed out an 18 page document explaining Comprehensive Planning in Miami-Dade County. Required by the State of Florida Growth Management Act, Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes.

The Comprehensive Development Master Plan promotes conservation in the consumption of land and other natural resources and efficiency in the provision of public facilities and services, by ...Controlling urban expansion, Promoting mass transit, developing well designed mixed-use Urban Centers,

encouraging attractive compatible redevelopment and infill, ensuring that sufficient land at key locations are allocated to industry and business, maintaining agriculture as a viable economic use of suitable land and protecting, conserving and properly utilizing our limited natural resources.

The Comprehensive Development Master Plan Elements.

Mandatory Elements: Land Use, Transportation (with Sub-elements: Traffic, Circulation, Mass Transit, Aviation, Port of Miami River and Port of Miami), Housing, Conservation, Aquifer Recharge, and Drainage, Water, sewer, and Solid Waste, Recreation and Open Space, Coastal Management, Intergovernmental Coordination, Capital Improvements.

Optional Elements: Educational and Economic

The Comprehensive Development Master Plan Comprehensive Planning Process

Analyze and project population trends as follows:

Project countywide population \pm 30,000 per year (2000-2035 avg); and

Look at geographic trends and CDMP influences by sub area.

All plans should analyze and project economic activity in order to:

Translate into land requirements for business, office and industrial land uses.

All plans should inventory and analyze physical assets:

Natural Resources – Assets and Constraints

Existing land use and undeveloped land – location, extent, characteristics, zoning

Existing public facilities and current facility plans and opportunities.

Identify trends, capacities, constraints and opportunities.

All plans should propose optimal configurations for future urban structure.

All plans should propose coordinated policies addressing activity patterns, land allocations, land use, and major systems of public facilities.

The Comprehensive Development Master Plan Main Features

1. Land Use Plan (LUP) Map
A variety of land uses and residential community categories and densities
Year 2005 Urban Development Boundary (UDB).
Year 2015 Urban Expansion Area Boundary (UEA).
Activity Centers (Regional, Metropolitan and Community Urban Centers)
2. Population Distribution Map – Serves to coordinate all facility and services planning programs with the LUP and with each other.
3. Existing and future facilities and natural resources maps and policies.
4. Level of Service (LOS) standards for roadways, mass transit, park and recreation, potable water supply, sanitary sewer, solid waste disposal and flood protection.
5. Capital Improvements Schedule – The capital projects forthcoming from each element are listed for six year period along with their costs, location, expected revenues and funding sources. This schedule is regularly adjusted to incorporate the latest changes adapted by the BCC.

Parks are 2.7 acres for every 1000 population

Area Plan Charrettes -- Naranja Community Urban Center Development is the first Charrette in the area.

Presentation completed, Mr. Canty asked for questions from the board and then audience.

Mr. Dukes stated that county has used 90% of the farm land and it is almost gone.

Mr. Spehars stated that the county is trying to preserve the agriculture land, but there has been a shift in use, from vegetables to ornamentals.

Mr. Canty – Was to bring back local control over the city. City elections of staff. Building Dept, Planning and Zoning, etc,

Continue with the county codes, but modify the county code to fill the new city needs.

Gene Hitchens – “Will we have a responsibility for the Master Plan?” Yes, Basis land use, transportation, Open Space (3 acres or less for 1000 people), Capital Improvement, Parks, etc.

Gladys Briscoe asked about the Charrette for Goulds.

Odell Ford stated the Charrette for Goulds doesn't lock you into this zoning if you become a city. You may want to look at this Charrette.

Enid Demps asked, “What type of fees will this generate?” Fee schedule will give impact fee.

What is a Charrette?? Charrette means little cart in French.

CUC – Community Urban Center.

Mr. Canty reserves the right to ask the Planning and Zoning Department to return.

Five year plan out – in MPO staff transit people where the main corridors are-

US#1 – Dadeland, Biscayne Blvd., 27th Avenue – Earlington Heights, East/West Corridor to airport, 836 – to FIU and Kendall to Krome Avenue.

Decide how they want transit for each area. Link to transit area and if you don't like it you must lobby the MPO.

John Way 20905 SW Building and Zoning to take over 1 to 2 years

Why doesn't the county take into consideration the buildings that sit unused and abandon as usable space and leave available land use, future use alone? This could extend land availability.

The county is starting to look at the unused buildings instead of new land use.

Mr. Canty thanked Mr. Spehar for coming.

Next meeting, September 13, 2005, Mr. Canty asked Mr. Dukes to chair.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Rolfs, acting secretary, for Enid W. Demps, Secretary.